



# 2035 Surface Transportation Plan Update February 17, 2009

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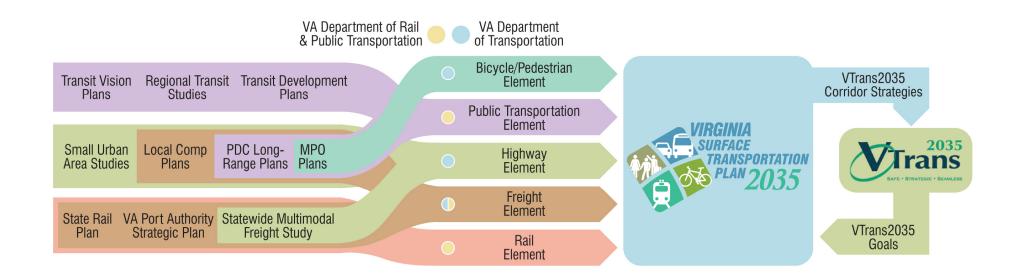
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### 2035 Surface Transportation Plan ~ An Overview

- <u>VTrans</u>: The POLICY foundation for transportation investments
- <u>Surface Transportation Plan:</u> Provides recommendations to support the VTrans2035 goals
- December 2008 Secretary of Transportation directed VDOT and DRPT to coordinate the development of a Surface Transportation Plan that:
  - includes highway, transit, TDM, and rail recommendations
  - Identifies concurrent recommendations
  - improves the coordination of recommendations
- Recommendations support VTrans2035 goals and corridor strategies

# 2035 Virginia Surface Transportation Plan ~ Relationship to Other Planning Efforts



### 2035 Virginia Surface Transportation Plan ~ Purpose

 The VSTP represents recommendations from state agency planning staff to the Secretary of Transportation (no action required)

#### VDOT

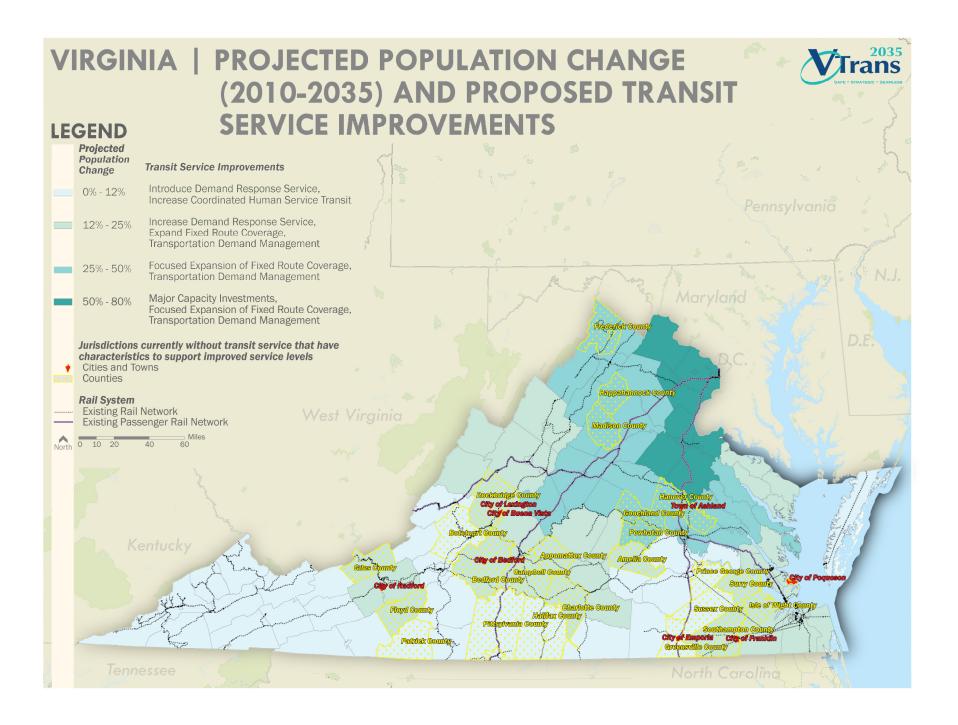
Used to assist decision makers in identifying recommendations for projects for SYIP

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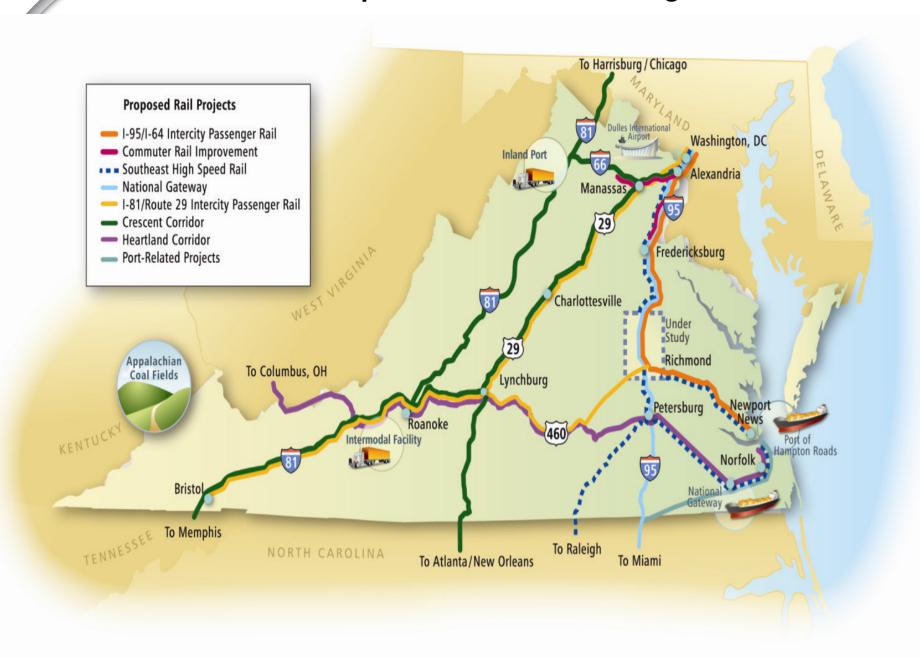
- Provides DRPT with a Statewide Public Transportation Plan that links transit, TDM, ITS, and human service capital and operating requirements with programming state and federal funds
- Provides DRPT with a solid foundation to efficiently and effectively invest in the growing, diverse, and dynamic need and demand for public transportation throughout the Commonwealth

#### **Surface Transportation Plan ~ Public Transportation Element**

- Support Virginia's Existing Transit Service: Achieve and Maintain Virginia's Transit Assets in a State of Good Repair (SGR):
  - Plan for the operating cost of the existing transit service with state operating assistance
  - Commit to an ongoing investment to address the existing SGR backlog and then maintain the transit assets in a SGR
- Expand Transit Capacity Statewide
  - Expand transit capacity to meet the needs of a growing economy and population
  - Add economic lifeline service to areas that currently do not provide service and in areas that do not provide sufficient service
  - Expand Transportation Demand Management (TDM) and human service programs
  - Implement an ongoing investment in Intelligent Transportation Systems
- Invest in Major Capital Projects
  - Assist in managing congestion in large urban areas
  - Study, plan and construct rapid transit capital projects in rapidly growing areas that have the land use characteristics to support a major capital investment



#### **Surface Transportation Plan ~ Passenger Rail Element**



# Surface Transportation Plan ~ Highway Element

- 2035 highway planning efforts focus on the Statewide Mobility System
- Highway system of statewide significance 5,760 miles
- Routes comprised from:
  - National Highway System (NHS)
    - Strategic Highway Network (STRAHNET)
    - STRAHNET connectors
    - · Intermodal connectors
  - Hurricane evacuation routes
  - Multilane primaries that provide regional connectivity
  - Other primaries that serve as vital links between jurisdictions
- Typically routes that support high-speed, long distance travel and permit inter-regional connectivity
- Although the SMS is comprised of just 8% of Virginia's highway miles, it accounts for 66% of all vehicle miles traveled on the Commonwealth's highway system

#### 2035 Surface Transportation Plan ~ VDOT Efforts

- Highway Needs Assessment (includes consideration of bridge and pavement condition)
  - Level of Service, capacity analysis
- Roadway Inventory Update Focused on SMS network
- Update traffic data
- Reviewed park-n-ride lot inventory and MPO CLRPs/transit plans for future commuter lot recommendations
- Coordinated with long range planning recommendations from:
  - MPOs Constrained Long Range Plans
  - PDCs Rural Long Range Plans
  - Localities Small Urban Area Transportation Studies

### 2035 Surface Transportation Plan ~ VDOT Efforts

- Recommendations address:
  - Safety
    - Crash Density
    - Pavement & structure condition
  - Congestion
    - Capacity Expansion
    - Transportation Demand Management (HOV, Park and Ride, Bike/Ped, etc)
  - Operations/ITS
- Recommendations include short range/low cost improvements (STARS)
- Recommendations can be used to identify areas for potential public private partnership projects (PPTAs)

# **Draft List of Suggested Highway Projects ~ Development and Review**

September 2009 - Coordinated with MPOs and PDCs to review draft projects

#### Including:

- Recommendations to existing facilities
- New alignments
- Spot improvements interchanges, intersections, turn lanes, etc.
- Other improvements access management, CD access lanes, restriping, etc.
- Park and Ride lots
- VSTP highway recommendations identify state needs and will be used to initiate a dialogue between the state and MPOs

# 2035 Surface Transportation Plan ~ Coordinating Modal Plans

- VDOT and DRPT staff coordinated modal recommendations
- The 2035 VSTP identifies concurrent recommendations
- Will facilitate the coordination of transit, rail and highway recommendations during major corridor studies
- Allows for early coordination of recommendations, will help minimize questions in the project planning process
- 2035 VSTP comprised of two components
  - 2035 VSTP Summary Map
  - 2035 VSTP Report Plan

## 2035 Virginia Surface Transportation Plan ~ Next Steps

- VDOT and DRPT staff presenting draft 2035 VSTP to VDOT District Administrators and Commonwealth Transportation Board Members
- Draft 2035 VSTP to be available during a 30-day, web-based public comment period
- Next update of VSTP will focus on integration of multimodal recommendations